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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance
SUBJECT: Security Classification of U-2 Photography

For the information and reference of the members there is set forth below a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Scoville the Deputy Director of Research, CIA to the Director, NRO

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"1. Taking cognizance of the cumulative extent of publicity focused upon the performance capability of the U-2 aircraft in recent years a valid question has been raised as to the security requirement that all U-2 photography, regardless of content, bear a minimum classification of SECRET.

"2. Effective immediately this requirement is rescinded, and U-2 photography henceforth should bear the security classification warranted by the content of the photography. Photography of non-sensitive targets classified SECRET in the past merely because it was obtained by a U-2 aircraft can be downgraded as appropriate. This change is not intended to affect the special security classification of photography collected under Project IDEALIST nor the procedures established for downgrading such photography."

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